

ful VARUNA, MITRA, AGNI, practisers of truth, and faithful to those who are prominent in (their) praise.

11. May they, INDRA, EARTH, PtsHAN, BHAGA, ADITI, and the five orders of beings, give increase to our habitations: may they be to us granters of happiness, bestowers of food, guides to good, our gracious defenders and preservers.

12. May the presenter of the oblation, BHARA-DwiJA quickly obtain, gods, a celestial abode, as he solicits your good-will: the institutor of the ceremony, together with pious associates, desirous of riches, glorifies the assembly of the gods.

13. Drive away, AGNI, to a distance the wicked, felonious, malignant enemy: grant us felicity, protector of the virtuous.¹

14. These our grinding stones are anxious, *Sma*, for thy friendship: destroy the voracious PANf, for verily he is a wolf.³

15. You are munificent and illustrious, gods, with INDRA for your chief: be with us, protectors, on the road, and grant us happiness.

16. We have travelled along the road prosperously traversed and free from evil, and by which (a man) avoids adversaries and acquires wealth.

SfoTA HI. (LII.)

The deities and *Hishi* as before j the metre of the first six, the thirteenth, and three last verses, is *Trishtubh*, of the second six *Gdijatr*, and of the fourteenth *Jagati*.

1. 1 do not regard it as worthy (of the gods) of heaven, or (of those) of earth, as (fit to be compared)

¹ *Sdma-Veda*, i. 105.

² *JaM ni-atrinaifi pam-m vriko hi shah: Pani* may here mean